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Stories of 2025

By Journal Staff

Another year has come and gone here on the North Coast. For better and for worse, 2025 was one of fear and resistance, resilience and resolve, with moments of brightness and solidarity amid palpable uncertainty for many in our community. In no particular order, here's our list of the most important and impactful stories of the year, many of which will continue to play out in 2026. Happy New Year.

Year One: Trump 2.0

While Humboldt County is thousands of miles away from the halls of the White House, reverberations of policies and actions effected during the second Trump administration's first year have left an indelible mark on the region.

That includes the Department of Government Efficiency's slash-and-burn approach that left an untold number of local federal workers without jobs, while cuts and freezes in federal grant funding threatened community efforts ranging from wildfire prevention and mental health counseling for school children to hunger prevention programs that paired local farmers with food banks.

Not to mention the trickle-down effects of Trump's tariffs on local businesses and consumers.

There were also pushes that target the most vulnerable among us, from the gutting of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs and attempts to legally erase the very existence of transgender people, to the unprecedented ICE deportation

efforts that have struck fear in immigrant communities here and across the nation, ensnaring even those legally working their way through the asylum and residency process.

And, amid the dizzying flurry of executive orders is the president's war on wind power, which has the potential to sideline the project slated to take place off Humboldt Bay.

That was just a sampling, and more impacts that will disproportionately hit locals already living on the financial brink are still to come. This includes changes in eligibility for federal nutrition programs and



Protest face painting at the June No Kings rally.
Photo by Mark Larson



St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka.
Submitted

The June No Kings protest.
Photo by Mark Larson

Medi-Cal arriving soon. How Humboldt and the nation rate the job he's been doing — and by extension other Republicans — remains to be seen with the midterms looming large on the horizon.

A Year of Protests

The Humboldt County Courthouse saw plenty of foot traffic from protests and marches in 2025, starting with the 200 or so folks who lined the sidewalk for the People's March on Jan. 18, days ahead of Donald Trump's second inauguration. Nearly every month was marked by marches and demonstrations that drew hundreds and, in the case of the No Kings, Hands Off and the Labor Day Workers over Billionaires gatherings, thousands.



Inflatable frog suits showed up at the October No Kings protest. Photo by Mark Larson

The No Kings rally on June 19, which coincided with Trump's birthday and a military parade for the Army's 250th anniversary, was attended by between 3,000 and 4,000 people.

While protesters waved signs at passing cars at the courthouse on the Fourth of July, the packed Independence Day street celebration in Old Town also saw a silent demonstration in the intersection by the gazebo. The Good Trouble Lives On event on July 17 included participants biking, roller skating and walking along the newly opened Humboldt Bay Trail South, while a Sept. 14 Defend Democracy Fair took place at Madaket Plaza.

Protesters and organizations like Centro Del Pueblo, 50501, Hum Dem, Humboldt 350 and others came together with signs and songs about a broad range of issues including but not limited to: the climate crisis, billionaire Elon Musk and his Department of Government Efficiency budget cuts, abortion rights, voting rights, healthcare, corruption, immigration, ICE, inflation, the Epstein files, the president committing sexual assault, threats to the Constitution, fascism and Gaza.

The State vs. St. Joseph

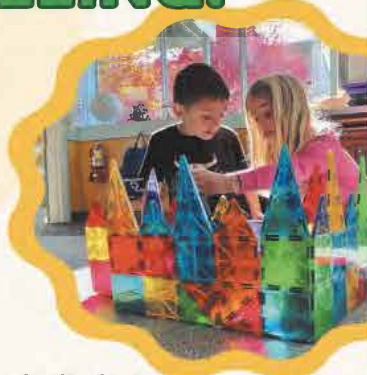
More than a year after the California Attorney General's Office first filed a lawsuit alleging Providence St. Joseph Hospital violated state law when it refused to provide medically necessary abortions, putting women's lives at risk, the case continues to play out in the courts.

The landmark litigation — centered on two women who suffered similar medical conditions early on that meant their pregnancies would not survive and necessitated emergency abortion care in order

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The abalone fishery is closed until 2036.

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to protect their lives — argues they were denied treatment due to the hospital's religious doctrines and forced to go to other facilities to receive the care they needed.

Among Providence's arguments — one that previously failed to win dismissal of the case — is that the hospital retains a First Amendment right to the free practice of religion that protects its faith-based policies.

In December, Humboldt County Superior Court Judge Timothy Canning heard the AG Office's arguments for imposing a preliminary injunction to mandate the hospital to comply with California's Emergency Services Law, which "requires hospitals to provide abortion care when needed to treat a medical emergency" while the state's lawsuit makes its way through the legal process.

Canning is expected to rule on that aspect sometime in the next two months.

Meanwhile, an existing stipulated agreement reached between the state of California and Providence St. Joseph back in October of 2024 — but later objected to by Diocese of Santa Rosa Bishop Robert Vasa — remains in effect at the only remaining hospital in the county with a birthing center.

The Plight of the Abalone

It's no secret that the North Coast's marine environments — and by extension the red abalone — have been struggling in the aftermath of a series of devastating ecological events that scientists have described as a "perfect storm" dating back more than a decade.

From a massive die-off of sea stars due to a wasting disease and back-to-back warm water blobs that decimated large swaths of the region's bull kelp forests to an explosion in purple sea urchin left unchecked by the near extinction of their keystone predator the sunflower star, the iconic shellfish's numbers plummeted amid the collapse of the delicate ecosystem on which it depends.

Amid that backdrop, the California Fish and Game Commission made the unprecedented decision in 2017 to temporarily shut down the last recreational abalone fishery in the state. Last month, with recovery still elusive, the board extended the closure for a third time. The sunset date is now set for 2036.

As was the case when the season was first shuttered eight years ago, the hope is that yet another pause in the take of abalone will allow the species to rebound



The Klamath and its banks make a comeback. Photo by Dylan Aubrey, Yurok Tribe

and provide a chance for underwater conditions to improve in the interim with the help of restoration and recovery efforts taking place across the North Coast.

Klamath River Rebounding

One year after the waters of the Klamath River began flowing free for the first time in a century, nature's resilience was on full display. The beginnings of a comeback followed completion of the largest dam removal project in the nation's history.

The momentous milestone was the culmination of decades of efforts by tribal nations, including the Karuk and Yurok tribes on the lower Klamath, whose traditions and way of life have been intricately linked to the river and the salmon in its waters since time immemorial.

Mere weeks after the last of the four dams (Copco No. 1, Copco No. 2, J.C. Boyle and Iron Gate) came down last October, the first salmon was spotted in the Klamath Basin area since 1912, when the first of the dams was installed, blocking

fish passage to the hundreds of miles of historic habitat.

As the year mark hit, as *Underscore Native News* reported, Klamath River scientists gave an update on the ecosystem's response to the unshackled waterway, announcing that they were seeing "salmon swimming upstream, bald eagles flying overhead, and increased bear, beaver, otter and osprey activity."

Along with the wildlife, native plants are also reclaiming their space in the Klamath River Valley after land once underwater was reseeded.

But amid all that success, the monitoring work that helped bring it to light was hit by federal funding cuts, which *Underscore Native News* reported included the extensive studies being done by a team from conservation nonprofit California Trout, which was working to find other means to continue the work.

SNAP Score

As the longest government shutdown in the nation's history played out this

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The Humboldt County Fair's annual horse races were not to be this year.
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fall, thousands of North Coast residents already living on the financial brink were left in limbo for weeks about whether they would receive the federal assistance needed to put food on their tables.

Known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, the financial lifeline helps cover the grocery bills of 20,000 Humboldt County low-income households, encompassing 30,000 individuals, including children, the elderly and the disabled.

But this year marked the first time a budget battle on Capitol Hill threatened to put the U.S. Department of Agriculture program depended on by millions across the country on hold, with the Trump administration announcing in late October that payments would be suspended. In response, several states — including California — went to court to release the funds.

Meanwhile, hunger prevention programs across the region, including the county's largest food bank, Food for People, which was already weathering massive cuts in federal funding, readied to do whatever was possible to try to fill some of the impending void.

In a bright spot amid the looming uncertainty, Humboldt residents opened their pocketbooks and volunteered to help as an influx of people sought other means of assistance out of fear they would not have enough to eat with the

loss of SNAP benefits.

In the end, the electronic payments made to prepaid cards went out in November for use at grocery stores or farmers markets to buy staples like vegetables, milk and bread. But the chapter serves as yet another reminder of how many in our region struggle with food insecurity on a daily basis and is a portent of what is to come in 2026 when eligibility changes go into effect.

No Racing at the Fair

In August, the gates and grandstands of the 129th Humboldt County Fair opened without horse racing for the first time in its history. The collapse of the circuit in Northern California, following the shuttering of Golden Gate Fields and the ensuing crumbling of the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) didn't bode well, as racing opportunities headed to the southern half of the state. But the Humboldt County Fair Association held out hope for better news and the funds a busy track and the accompanying bar and concessions sales would bring the financially strapped fair.

All bets were off by May, when the California Horse Racing Board voted against granting racing dates, despite the delegation of trainers and Humboldt County supervisors showing support, as well as a

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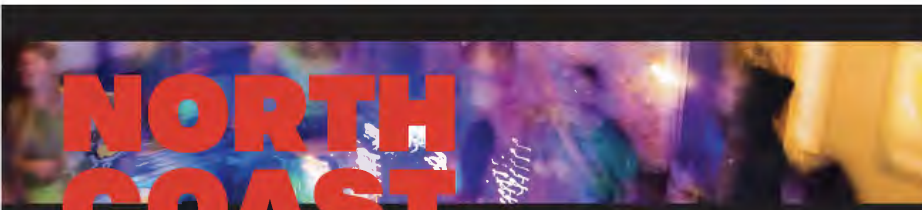
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Rex Bohn.
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Michelle Bushnell.
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letter from Ferndalian fair fan Guy Fieri.

Still, the grandstands weren't empty, as human-powered kinetic sculpture races took the place of equine contests, and Lady's Hat Day still capped off the festivities. The fair's revenue was down, but preliminary numbers indicate it still managed to stay in the black without the ponies. The fair board is working to see racehorses kick up the furloughs at the fair again this August with the logistical aid of Bernal Park Racing, LLC, and is set to make its case at CHRB's January meeting.

Bohn and Bushnell Investigations

Just weeks apart over the summer, separate complaints were filed against two Humboldt County supervisors — Rex Bohn and Michelle Bushnell — alleging they acted in a hostile manner toward staff.

In each case, a three-member panel of senior county officials — under a policy approved in 2023 by Bohn, Bushnell and

the other board members — determined that an independent, outside investigation was warranted.

While Bushnell hired an attorney in an attempt to forestall the matter from entering the public sphere, alleging she was denied due process “in a flawed system,” she was censured by her colleagues and removed as board chair by a board majority on Nov. 4 after the findings sustained the complaint about her conduct.

During that discussion, Bohn made public his own investigation. “This is not a process. This is a very slow death by a thousand cuts,” he said at the time, adding, “I’m going through this myself right now, before someone leaks it out.”

Documents released under a public records request made by the *Journal* show the allegations are in reference to a June 24 meeting Bohn called. According to the complaint, the First District representative engaged in “abusive and hostile behavior” toward staff and attempted to “direct staff to disregard” an ordinance “for a special favor for his friend.”

Emails released by the county indicate Bohn declined to participate in the investigation, the status of which remains unclear. Meanwhile, the board has asked the county's civil grand jury to look into the code of conduct process that led to the investigations, as well as Bushnell's conduct, which could mean — but is not a foregone conclusion — that a more in-depth look at both will be coming in 2026.

Former Fortuna Councilmember Mobley

On Jan. 29, 2025, then Fortuna Councilmember Kris Mobley, who'd been under investigation by the FBI for embezzlement, resigned from her post as a Fortuna councilmember. City officials have said they were aware of the investigation back in November of 2024.

In March, she was indicted and on Dec. 10, she pleaded guilty to two counts of



Kris Mobley.
File

mail fraud and two counts of wire fraud. Originally charged with 10 counts, Mobley is alleged to have bilked the company that employed her as a bookkeeper of \$366,800 through fraudulent checks and electronic transfers that went toward her credit card debt. It also alleges she issued herself payroll checks beyond her hours and used the company credit card for personal travel expenses and cash advances at casinos. While the employer from which Mobley is accused of embezzling from between 2022 and 2024 is not named in the indictment, she did tell *The Enterprise* in 2022 that she worked at Fortuna's Beacon Construction Co.

According to a U.S. Department of Justice press release, each of the counts carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and "a fine of \$250,000 or twice the value of the property involved in the transactions, and forfeiture and restitution." Sentencing is scheduled for March.



New girl in town IshÜng.
File

Three Bears

It was a bear of a year at the Sequoia Park Zoo.

After losing beloved Noni in 2024, the zoo welcomed IshÜng in March when the bear estimated to be 3 years old, or about the same age as fellow denizen Tule, was removed from a wildlife sanctuary. The Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria chose her name (pronounced "Ee-shung"), which means "She likes to eat."

As her name suggests, IshÜng was a bit larger than your average bear on arrival, but the zoo reports she's made steady progress with changes in her diet and lots of exercise time in the enclosure boasting trees, enrichment activities and a stream to play in. Described as "friendly," "curious" and a "sweetheart," IshÜng was deemed un-releasable due to her affinity for people, but the zoo received little information about her background.

In late June, a rescued cub that also was unable to be released rounded out the trio and was given the name Kunabulih, which translates to "he bites" in the Wiyot language Soulatluk. Zookeepers nicknamed the yearling "Nabu." While unused to people because the hope had been to return him to the wild, the zoo reports he's interacting well with his caretakers and exploring new areas of the bear habitat.

But as much adoration as the zoo's three bears have received from fans far and wide, it was a wild yearling that took the national spotlight after making its way onto the grounds in October. Zoo staff described the visitor as very polite and said the young bear spent a little one-on-one time with Tule, IshÜng and Nabu through their habitat fencing before being ushered out a back gate.



A wild bear takes a peek into the bear enclosure at the zoo.
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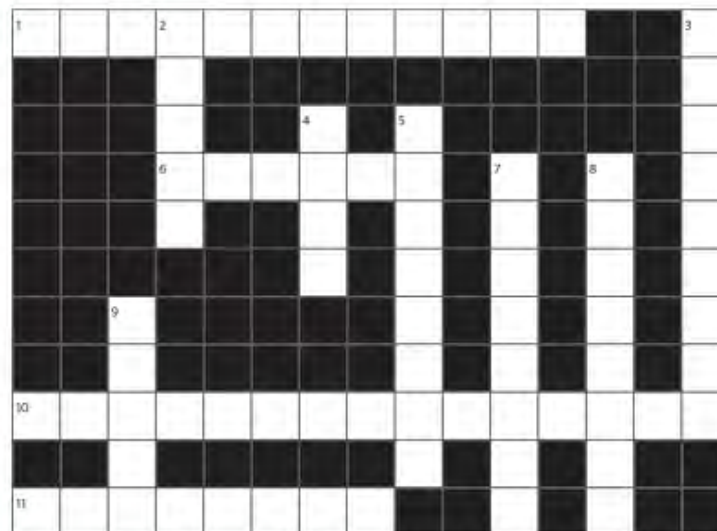
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Top 10 Dick Moves of 2025

By Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

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It's been a year of yikes, folks. Humboldt had far more bad looks and petty deeds in 2025 than a brief list can contain, but these are the selfish choices and low blows that really sprang out at us.

10. Painting hanging figures in Eureka.

The graffiti that showed up on downtown buildings (and over murals) Sept. 19 depicted hanging black figures in suits holding flowers, some with anti-capitalist and anti-colonialist messages. The most generous interpretation is that the vandal(s), meant to invoke a common trope in protest art in other countries. But like salad at the end of a meal, not all customs make sense here. Because in a country with a history of lynching Black people and a current surge in racial violence, for many it understandably came off as a threat. Banksy? More like Dicksy.

9. Crossword sabotage. Dave Brown, the most relentlessly positive person in the *Journal's* production department, has ironically campaigned for the last year to be on the Dick Moves list. None of us thought he had it in him — until the Oct. 9 issue hit stands. Calls and emails came in demanding the clue to 59 Down in the week's crossword puzzle. Who would leave a county of puzzlers unable to fill in the last three squares, to feel the momentary peace of something finally

making sense in a chaotic world? Hint: It's a four-letter word that starts with D. (Answer: Dave.)

8. Stealing Special Olympics equipment.

The first dick move of the year is always special but this was a little on the nose. On Jan. 3, a thief broke into a storage unit with bolt cutters and boosted first aid kits, tents and sports equipment for the local Special Olympics. Even the torch. The stolen stuff was retrieved but nobody can take away the culprit's rightful spot on the podium with a gold medal in the dick-athlon.

7. Humboldt County Sheriff's Department posting about people losing SNAP benefits.

While our community was throwing itself into donating and volunteering to help keep those in need from going hungry, HCSD responded with a preemptive pud take on Facebook. It read: "Effective Nov 1, if the government shutdown continues, many members of our community may have their benefits indefinitely delayed. The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office is ready to respond to any calls for service involving theft or looting." HCSD followed up with a request that we narc on hungry neighbors upon seeing "anything suspicious" and ended with a tone-deaf "#Benefits." Swift blowback led to removal of the post

in about 20 minutes and an apology, but the Inspector Javert from *Les Misérables* vibes remain. They put the “jerk” in their knee-jerk response to “community members” in need instead of offering aid. Utter schlongery.

6. Vandalizing Pride banners at the United Congregational Christian Church. We get it, you have a lot of big feelings. Something about the LGBTQ+ banners — too much color? — gets you emotional. Instead of taking a walk, asking for a hug, eating a nutritious snack, having a good cry, or sitting down to think about why you are so obsessed with people you don't even know, you tear up the signs reading, “A Just World for All,” like a toddler. Assuming much-needed therapy is out of the question, maybe take that energy to an invasive plant removal workday and pull up some ivy or Scotch broom. It would turn just as many people straight and you could contribute something positive instead of another turgid tantrum.

5. Non-Black people getting way too comfortable with the N-word. This includes kids saying it on the football field and a Ferndale teacher saying it in class (ironically, while making a point about racism). In October, Arcata High School's principal Kristin Ferderber sent out an apology for repeating the slur in front of students after someone hurled it at a football game. Students held a walk-out protesting her use of the word and for the apology itself, which showed up as AI generated when analyzed. A dick move within a dick move, like dick *Inception* (dick-ception?), really, because there's more. In coverage on *Redheaded Blackbelt*, the N-word appears quoted in full, which is no longer the convention. AP Style demands a “compelling” reason to spell it out, which, as you can see from how readily understandable this paragraph is, there isn't. It's not necessary to convey the seriousness and it's not 1993. Non-Black people, you are not in a Quentin Tarantino movie and there is no reason at all we need to say it, with or without the hard R. Everyone knows it's a dick move with a hard D.

4. Hanging county employees out to dry. When local blogger John Chiv learned he'd accidentally received the un-redacted names of employees connected to the complaints made against Humboldt County Supervisor Michelle Bushnell, he could have taken those names down. Burning possible whistleblowers would be bad form for a journalist (not to mention the chilling effect on those considering coming forward about wrongdoing), but it's nothing new for stream of consciousness grievance blogger and run-on enthusiast Chiv, who's made this list before for his relaxed attitude about making the names of minors involved in court cases public. But under a 31-word headline, he garnished this dick move by writing of those

named, “By them running to the County management like whiners and asking me to remove their names; they are the ones who have created stress for themselves.” A cherry on top of the banana split right there.

3. Going off on your coworkers. And that takes us to Bushnell's censure, following an outside investigation, for hostile behavior toward staff (including yelling, cussing out staffers and slamming a door). And because we're apparently playing dick move dominoes, this was followed by similar allegations and an outside investigation of fellow supervisor Rex Bohn. His email response to the letter informing him of the investigation and asking him not to speak to anyone but the investigator about it said, “I will not be participating to save the County Money, Thanks Rex.” (Narrator: It will likely not save the county money.) Then he made a Chiv move and told the *Lost Coast Outpost* who he believed made the complaint. Please see above suggestions for handling big feelings and avoiding dicky meltdowns.

2. Posting and sharing the footage of a fatal crash. When a speeding stolen van crashed and caught fire, killing the driver and injuring others, it was a harrowing scene. Photos of the wreckage were nightmare inspiration enough, but KRCR News Channel 7 shared footage of the crash and the van on fire with the driver inside. While not everyone enjoys a snuff film, it was widely viewed and shared by people one assumes did not know the actual human being whose life ended horribly. It was lurid, sensational and without any news value. The only thing we learned was who's up for a ghoulish dick move.

1. Killing a fucking condor. Sounds like something a trophy-hunting Trump son would pull but this was less direct. Once again, some absolute knob went hunting with the lead ammunition California banned back in 2019. And just like everyone who hunts knows, the lead contaminates any carcass left behind to poison other wildlife. In this case, it was 18-month-old male B7, aka Pey-noh-pey-o-wok' (Yurok for “I am friend or kind or good natured”), who ingested the toxic shot and died in March. The revival of this species, their ecological and cultural significance, and the tireless efforts of the Yurok Tribe to bring them back from the brink of extinction compound the loss of a rare creature that had only been flying free for three months. That it was so easily avoidable also earns this shit-tracking nimrod the top spot among this year's dick moves.

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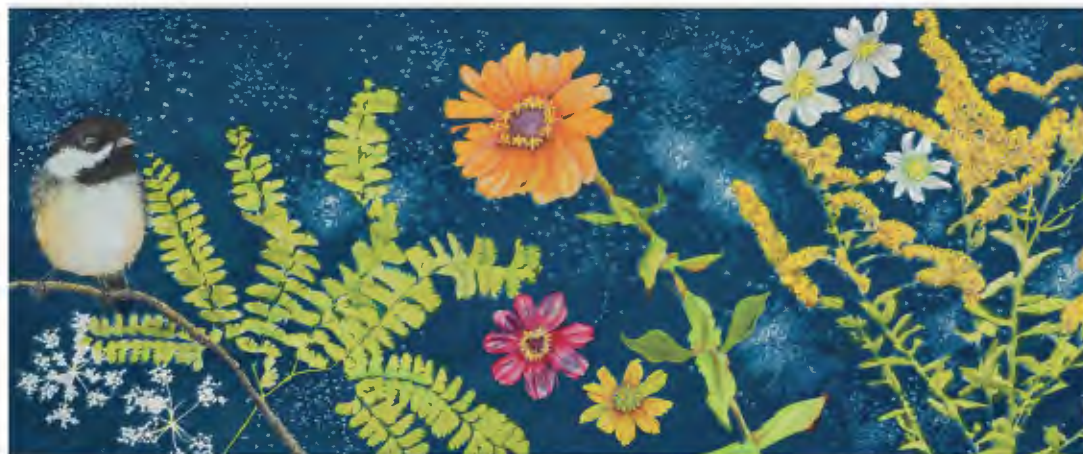

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"Good Afternoon Autumn," Patricia Sennott, cyanotype with watercolor, at George Sennott Studio. *Submitted*

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4TH STREET MERCANTILE 215 Fourth St. Various artists.

40° North Gallery 320 Second St., Suite #102. "Pop-Up Show," various artists, oil painting, acrylic painting, watercolors, drawings, sculpture, textile, mixed media, plant specimens, crystals, holiday decor/gifts, et cetera.

ART CENTER FRAME SHOP 616 Second St. "Send Nudes," Chris Henry, watercolors, and mixed media.

ART CENTER SPACE 620 Second St. Julie Clark and Anthony Johnson, photography, sculpture and collage.

C STREET STUDIOS 208 C St. Various artists.

CANVAS + CLAY STUDIO 272 C St. Various artists.

EUREKA BOOKS 426 Second St. "Secrets of the Sofa: A middle-grade adventure story," Jason Soule, book signing.

FRIENDS OF SOUND 412 Second St. Elizabeth Gohr, live music photography, vintage music poster art.

GEORGE SENNOTT STUDIO 618 F St. Patricia Sennott and Libby George, watercolors, drawings, printmaking, cyanotype and pastel painting.

GOOD RELATIONS 329 Second St. "Jill Marie Arts: Colorful Abstractions," Jill Cooper, acrylic painting.

THE HOOD 621 Fifth St. "Historic Fighter Jets," Howard Rutherford, oil painting.

MORRIS GRAVES MUSEUM OF ART 636 F St. **William Thonson:** "10th Street Studio," Carol Andersen, Laura Corsiglia, Peggy Rivers and Van Shields. **Knight & Anderson Galleries:** "Humboldt Arts Council Annual Members Exhibition," an exhibition highlighting art by members and juried by mp Warming. **Permanent Collection Gallery:** "From the HAC Collection-Morris Graves," artwork by Morris Graves.

Rotunda: Music by The SoHum Girls.

HUMBOLDT ASSOCIATION OF RETAILERS 220 First St. Tiesha Cooper and Darin Price, oil painting, handmade and painted ceramic clocks.

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LITTLE SHOP OF HERS 416 Second St. Seana Burden, acrylic painting, pen and ink, glitter.

LIVING DOLL VINTAGE BOUTIQUE & GALLERY 239 G St. "New Year New Doll 2026 Fashion Show," performance, fashion show.

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SEAWALK GALLERY at Ellis Art & Engineering 401 Fifth St. "Quilts," Ruthanne Rocha.

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THRAP MARKET COMPANY 323 Second St. "Winter Wonderland," Imperial Square's courtyard transforms into a Winter Wonderland with lights, snow and music. Music by Calen Woodrow.

TIDAL GALLERY 339 Second St. Closing reception for "Flowstate," Annakatrinn Burnham.

THE VOID 228 F St. "Crochet It Ain't So," Amber Costa, textile, wire-wrapped jewelry. Music by John Hardin and NIKOH.



Artwork by Van Shields at Morris Graves Museum of Art. *Submitted*



A snifter of Paskenta Mad River Brewery's John Barleycorn barleywine.
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Deep Roots at Paskenta Mad River Brewery

By Michael Kraft
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It had been too long since I last visited Paskenta Mad River Brewery in Blue Lake. It's not that I hadn't been drinking their beer all that time, but returning to those comfy surroundings reminded me to get out more, and farther.

CEO Linda Cooley met me in the bar. She's been in the beer business most of her adult life, starting on her 21st birthday. A Yurok tribal member who grew up on the river near Weitchpec, Cooley spent time in the industry in Southern California and later at Eel River Brewery prior to taking the position at Mad River.

We talked first about some of the business aspects of the company. Paskenta, a tribe in the Central Valley, is building a portfolio of businesses in beer and spirits. The Blue Lake operation has a big, new canning line, an investment of

over \$1 million. The ancient bottling line, which went from RC Cola to Sierra Nevada Brewing Co., then to MRB decades ago, finally gave up the ghost.

PMRB takes its Indigenous affiliations seriously. It's way beyond a branding technique. They seek to source ingredients from tribes. The Maize Goddess Indigenous Ale, for example, contains an heirloom red corn from Ioway Farms, owned by the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. Cans are printed with QR codes that take you to information on environmental and Indigenous causes. Cooley says this storytelling seems to resonate with younger people. Their customer base skews younger at a time when, in general, younger people are drinking less and those who do drink lean toward seltzers and spirits.

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NCJ ON THE TABLE

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Cooley sees beer “as a reason to celebrate and commune.” I asked about the push and pull of making great beer and making good money. She answered that she believes financial results will follow a good product and the company is committed to brewing good beer in Humboldt. Her hopes and plans for 2026 include brewing up a new barleywine and performing some secret beermaking project that involves orange blossoms.

The business talk sufficiently handled, we turned to tasting. Well, I did. Cooley had work to do after.

I started with the Maize Goddess Ale. It's lightly sweet, the way cream is sweet. (Not coincidentally, the nerdy beer judging folks would call this a cream ale.) The mash contains 30-40 percent of that loway red corn which, in technical brewing terms, is stuffing in a ton of corn. Chuggable at just over 4 percent alcohol, it's any easy choice for river days and post-yardwork rest periods, but is worthy of sipping at the pub as well.

The Steelhead Pale Ale remains the flagship brew. There is the lightest hit of citrusy Cascade hops and it's totally drinkable. I've long had the beer geek question of what category Steelhead is. Cooley says Steelhead doesn't really fit a category; it's one of one. The bartender will make you a Steelhead Shandy if you like, adding lemonade, because that's what beer people do sometimes.

Turning to the Jamaica Red Ale was like rekindling an old friendship. It's such an honest, malty beer, a pretty red, and a kind of brew that you just don't find out in the world much.

Before I turn to the Double India Pale Ale, I should note that PMRB collaborates with California State Parks. This is personal to Cooley. She recalled driving by local state parks as a girl and being sad that her people couldn't access the land there like her parents and grandparents once could. “We never thought we could co-manage

land,” she said. This changed when California tribes and State Parks personnel, in particular Victor Bjelajac, got to talking. The partnership is embodied in the Canyon of Dreams Double IPA, which tips its hat both to the relationship with the parks and to the jewel of a place that is Fern Canyon. The beer succeeds in being smooth and drinkable while providing heavy hits of malt, piney Amarillo hops and alcohol.

And if you get hungry? At the Mad River Kitchen you can get a pub grub burger or chili fries, to be sure, but also pick from rotating specials prepared by Trever Eliason, a classically trained chef.

If you want to get to the heart of a bloke like me, you reach into the back of the refrigerator and pull out barleywine. That's what Cooley asked the bartender to do, revealing a 2015 opus from the John Barleycorn series. It's caramel heaven in a taster glass.

While I nursed the barleywine, we conversed more widely. We talked about how Humboldt is special and how we need to support each other. I spoke of my wife, who's a dancer, and Cooley talked about driving through state parks now with her daughter. She described her activism as a young teenager in the early days of advocating for dam removal on her home river, the Klamath, when that seemed like an impossible dream.

In short, having just met, we did some of that community-building that having a beer in a bar or beer garden lends itself to and that I'm making a mental note to show up and do more of. ●

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Tales of Brave Ulysses

by Collin Yeo

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Forget what I was on about last week; that was just rope burn from all of the tension of 2025. It's a new year and nothing quite helps grease the mystery chute to the future like a conversation with an old friend. I was lucky enough to have one of those on Christmas, and you are lucky as well because he's bringing his band up here on Sunday (see below). Allow me to introduce you to Mike Dillon, one of the finest vibraphone players on the planet and an old comrade from my music days in the holy city of New Orleans. Apart from his own band, you may have seen him on the stage as a member of Primus or Les Claypool's Flying Frog Brigade. Or perhaps with groups he founded like The Dead Kenny Gs and Garage a Trois. Or as an elegant sideman for Ricky Lee Jones and Ani DiFranco. His CV is way too long for this space, so I'd just suggest you let your fingers do the walking and your ears do the talking and check out his music. Vibes are everything, as the kids say, so check out this dude who has mastered that most eloquent of chromatic percussion instruments.

We talked about the state of touring and surviving on it. Much like everything else these days, the margins are thin and the love of the game is filling up a lot more of the tank than ever before. New Orleans is changing, too; like everywhere else it's more expensive and getting sold off in chunks with no regard for the long-timers.

Dillon confirmed something I learned years ago when I started describing my band as "punk jazz." "Johnny Vidacovich told me the word 'jazz' is poison to ticket sales — it immediately turns people off," he said. That Vidacovich is a top-tier jazz drummer from the heart of New Orleans gives that statement more weight than a hull-busting iceberg.

We talked about ships, too, in a way. He had mentioned that he'd just finished James Joyce's *Ulysses* — a book I have not read — and in talking about the power of the great books, I mentioned *Moby Dick*, a favorite of mine. "That's next on the list," he replied. "Claypool turned me onto *In the Heart of*

the Sea, the book about the whaling ship shipwreck that inspired *Moby Dick*."

This led to a conversation about his experience a couple of years back touring in Claypool's Flying Frog Brigade, playing their interpretation of my favorite Pink Floyd album *Animals*. To my ears, the coldness of the sound reaches into the fascist despair of the lyrics that creates a proto post-punk sound never matched or attempted by the band again. I don't know the thrill of bringing that dark vision to life in front of thousands of people, but I have lived vicariously through it now. Thanks, man.

I haven't read *Ulysses* yet but I am very familiar with Homer's source material, and the lost mariner from antiquity at the prow of that work. He's the archetype of the marooned hero who returns to the flux of the tide to brave the sea's capriciousness and forge new adventures on the sideways journey to Home at Last. If that isn't the life of a constantly working and touring musician, then nothing else is, and if Mike Dillon isn't the very model of that musician, then no one is. Check out his song, from your speakers to the stage.

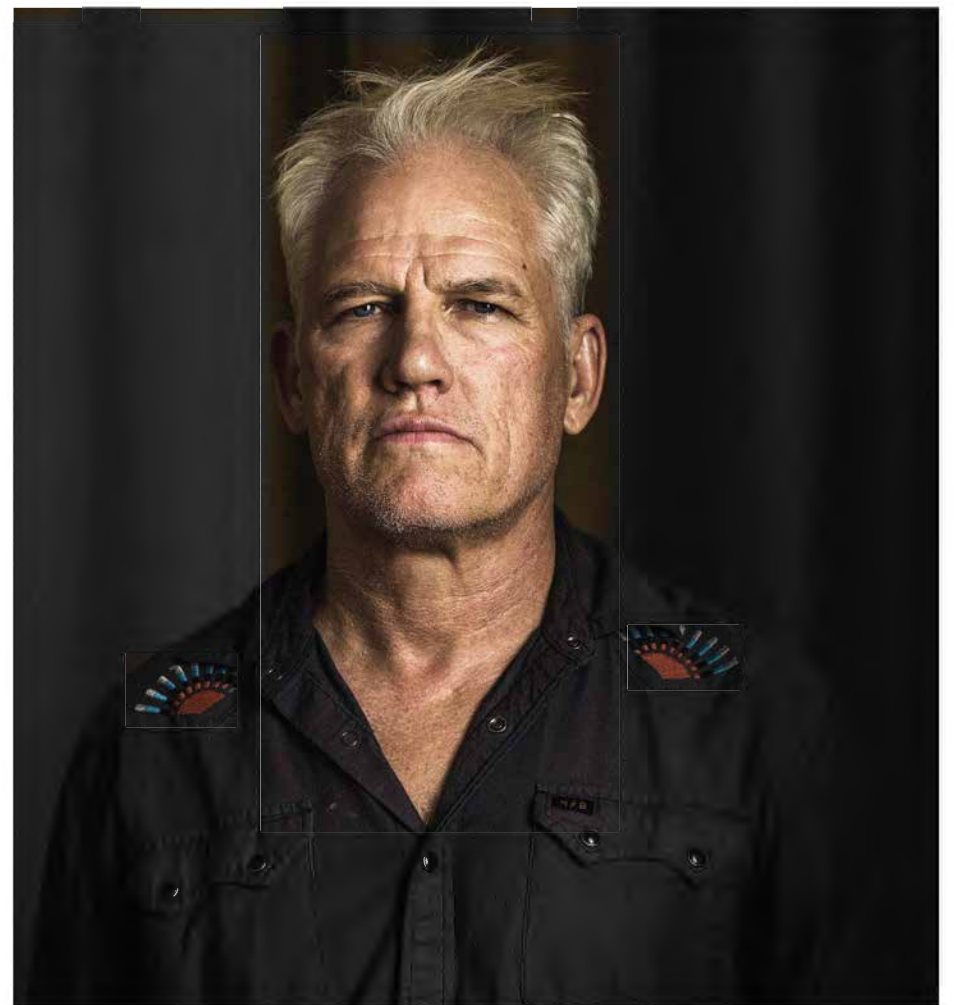
Happy New Year, welcome home and to strange waters alike.

New Year's Day

It's the inaugural day for the new calendar, and while we must move forward through those pages due to the ineluctable pull of time in this dimension of reality, we are nonetheless drawn to the past by our nature, a mini-paradox of the human experience and sensibilities. Exactly 29 years ago was the day we lost the brilliant songwriter Townes Van Zandt, so it's appropriate that there's going to be a celebration of his music at the Outer Space tonight at 6 p.m. Local heroes like **Ruby Ruth George**, **Katie Belknap**, **Turtle Goodwater**, **John Ray** and a few more will be picking and pickin' the master's tunes (\$10).

Friday

There's another birthday celebration at the Arcata Playhouse tonight at 7 p.m. This time it's honoring the 70th run around the sun of Latin musician **David Peñalosa** with



The Mike Dillon Band plays Humbrews at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 4.

Photo courtesy of the artist

music from **Palante**, **Tropiqueño** and **Timbata**. Latin dance and food in the cold of winter sounds just about right. Go to the Playhouse's website for more information and to snap up a \$10 ticket.

Across the bay an hour later at the Captain's Quarters, you will find **Daniel Nickerson and Friends** playing covers and originals for free-ninety-free to all-ages.

Saturday

Russian Soviet inventor Leon Theremin didn't just invent the touchless, singing electronic wave machine that bears his last name and which briefly made Clara Rockmore a household name in the mid-20th century while also dominating the sonic landscape of sci-fi and horror films, he is also known for his spycraft. Just look up the Thing — not the films, but the actual Thing — an early masterpiece of passive electronic transmission that let the Reds keep an ear on those damn Yankees in the immediate years after World War II. In short, he was a genius, and while his titular analog device might be largely gone, it is certainly not forgotten. You can hear it in operation tonight at 5 p.m. at the Void, when **EtherAir** takes over the live airwaves, along with a much more ancient instrument of similar renown, the

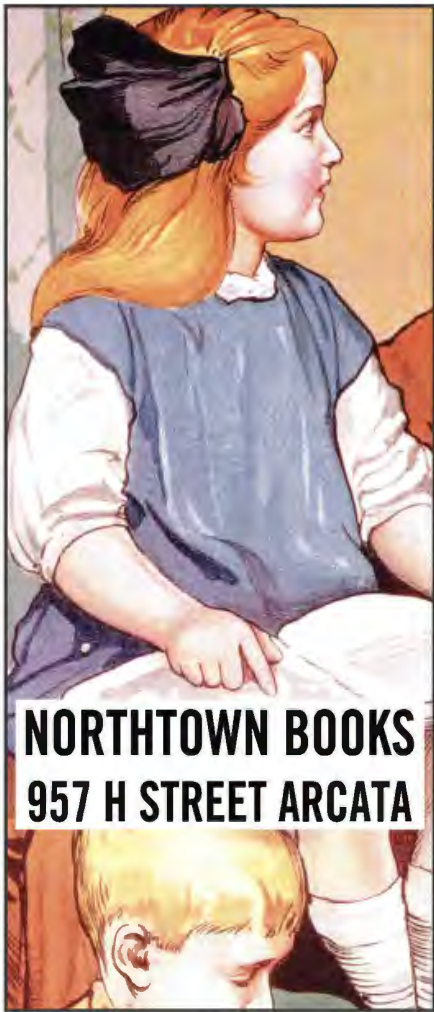
didgeridoo. It's free and all-ages, so bring the kiddos.

If you want to bring something else to-night, like the funk, head over to Humbrews at 8:30 p.m. for a session with New Orleans' own **Dirty Dozen Brass Band**. Local supergroup **HotFoot** opens, and tickets are going for \$35 at the door, \$5 less if purchased in advance.

Sunday

Speaking of Humbrews and New Orleans, the mighty **Mike Dillon Band** brings some fine talent to town. You might remember Bay Area saxophonist **Chris Boa** from his previous jams in these parts with Pink Floyd tribute act Money, and anyone who knows about the good bespoke modern jam iterations of another important "J" word (jazz) will be familiar with Jacob Fred Jazz Odyssey, whose founding pianist **Brian Haas** will be torching the keys in the band tonight as well. Humbrews has been really good at putting on surprise heavy-hitting shows, and this is not one to sleep on. Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Viva 2026. ●

Collin Yeo (he/him) probably has a few trips left in him before he finds his way home. He lives in Arcata.



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ARCATA THEATRE LOUNGE 1036 G St., Arcata (707) 822-1220				<i>Rango</i> (2011) 15th Anniversary (film) 5-8 p.m. \$8, \$12 w/poster	[W] Sci-Fi Night: <i>Jurassic Park</i> (1993) (film) 6-9 p.m. \$6, \$10 w/poster
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KAPTAIN'S QUARTERS 517 F St., Eureka (707) 798-1273		Daniel Nickerson 8 p.m. Free			[W] Open Mic Night 8 p.m. Free
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Kick off a fresh new year with a bracing marsh walk. Naturalists Barbara Reisman and Paul Johnson lead Friends of the Arcata Marsh's annual **New Year's Day Leg-Stretcher** on **Thursday, Jan. 1**, from **10 to 11:30 a.m.** at **Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary** (free). This local tradition heralds in the new year with birding, fresh air and good company, and takes place rain or shine. Bundle up and meet the group at 10 a.m. inside the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center on South G Street. Start 2026 off on the right foot.

Bring your axe, sticks and best licks to the **Blues Jam** hosted by **The Mojo Rockers on Wednesday, Jan. 7**, from **7 to 10 p.m.** at **Wave Lounge** (free). Whether you're a seasoned local or fresh off the highway looking to connect with the music community, you're invited to sit in with other musicians and play the blues. Be mindful: Blue Lake Casino security checks instrument cases at the entrance. Leave your contraband at home, bring your chops.

Celebrate local lens work as photographer and author Aldaron Laird signs copies of his book *A Photographic Exploration of Wigi* while discussing his documentation of the bay's shoreline at his **Book Signing and Photography Exhibit** on **Wednesday, Jan. 7**, from **4 to 5 p.m.** at the **Cal Poly Humboldt Campus Store** (free). Large-format prints from his book are part of the exhibit and will remain on display through March. It's a rare opportunity to see them up close while hearing directly from the artist about his process.

1 Thursday

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Winter Fair Ice Skating Rink. Belotti Hall, 1250 Fifth St., Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Ferndale. Skating fun for all ages on real ice. Through Jan. 11. For more information, visit humboldtcountyfair.org.

Zoo Lights. 5-8 p.m. Sequoia Park Zoo, 3414 W St., Eureka. Take a stroll on an illuminated, directional pathway through the zoo that features holiday displays, a beautifully lit Redwood Sky Walk and Humboldt's tallest living holiday tree. Every night (except for Christmas) through Jan. 4. Adverse weather may require closure at any time. \$5. redwoodzoo.org.

OUTDOORS

FOAM's New Year's Day Leg-Stretcher at the Arcata Marsh. 10-11:30 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Join Barbara Reisman and Paul Johnson for a 1.5- to 2-hour, rain-or-shine leg-stretcher. The building will be open between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Free. info@arcatamarshfriends.org. (707) 826-2359.

2 Friday

ART

Life Drawing Sessions. 10 a.m.-noon. Redwood Art Association Gallery, 603 F St., Eureka. Hosted by Joyce Jonté. \$10, cash or Venmo.

DANCE

Live Music Folk Dance Party. First Friday of every month, 8:15-10:30 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. Featuring easy dances and international music with Chubritza. All ages and dance levels welcome. No partner needed. \$5-\$10 sliding, no one turned away. kurumada@humboldt.edu. redwoodraks.com. (707) 496-6734.

FOR KIDS

Kid's Night at the Museum. 5:30-8 p.m. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. Drop off your 3.5-12 year old for interactive exhibits, science experiments, crafts and games, exploring the planetarium, playing in the water table or jumping into the soft blocks. \$17-\$20. info@discovery-museum.org. discovery-museum.org/classesprograms.html. (707) 443-9694.

Weekly Preschool Story Time. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in the children's room. For children 2 to 6 years old with their caregivers. Other family members are welcome to join in the fun. Free. manthony@co.humboldt.ca.us. humlib.org. (707) 269-1910.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

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Zoo Lights. 5-8 p.m. Sequoia Park Zoo, 3414 W St., Eureka. See Jan. 1 listing.

MEETINGS

Community Women's Circle. First Friday of every month, 6-8 p.m. The Ink People Center for the Arts, 627 Third St., Eureka. Monthly meeting to gather in sisterhood. (707) 633-3143.

Language Exchange Meetup. First Friday of every month, 6-8 p.m. UniTea House, 778 Eighteenth St., Arcata. Speak your native language. Teach someone a language. Learn a language. brightandgreenhumboldt@gmail.com. (925) 214-8099.

ETC

First Friday Market Series. First Friday of every month, 4-7 p.m. Herb & Market Humboldt, 427 H St., Arcata. Music, food trucks, artisans and more. Must have a doctor's recommendation or be over 21 to enter. Free. Herbandmarket@gmail.com. (707) 630-4221.

3 Saturday

ART

Arts Alive. First Saturday of every month, 6-9 p.m. Historic Old Town Eureka, Second Street. Art, and a heap of it, plus live music. All around Old Town and Downtown. Free. eurekamainstreet.org. (707) 442-9054.

Pop Up Shop. 5-9 p.m. 40 Degrees North Gallery, 320 Second St. Suite 1C E, Eureka. Find cacti, crystals and fine art from over 15 artists. Free entry. 40degrees-northgallery@gmail.com.

FOOD

Arcata Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Year round, offering fresh produce, meat, fish, cheese, eggs, bread, flowers and more. Live music and hot food vendors. No pets, but trained, ADA-certified, service animals welcome. CalFresh EBT customers receive a market match at every farmers market. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org. (707) 441-9999.

Music and Makers - McKinleyville Location. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Eureka Natural Foods, McKinleyville, 2165 Central Ave. Live music, samples/demos, pint specials. Free. marketing@eurekanaturalfoods.com.

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GARDEN

Old Town Beautification. 9-10:30 a.m. Old Town Gazebo, Second and F streets, Eureka. Help maintain the planters along Second Street. All supplies provided. Free bagels donated by Los Bagels for volunteers. hatwood@eurekaca.gov. facebook.com/events/710050732172242/. (707) 441-4218.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Winter Fair Ice Skating Rink. Belotti Hall, 1250 Fifth St., Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Ferndale. See Jan. 1 listing.

Zoo Lights. 5-8 p.m. Sequoia Park Zoo, 3414 W St., Eureka. See Jan. 1 listing.

OUTDOORS

FOAM Marsh Tour. 2 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet leader Ken Burton in the lobby for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk. Ken plans to give a general tour, ready to speak on and answer questions about any and all topics related to the Arcata Marsh. Free. (707) 826-2359.

SPORTS

Fortuna Recreational Volleyball. 10 a.m.-noon. Fortuna High School, 379 12th St. Ages 45 and up. Call Dolly. In the Girls Gym. (707) 725-3709.

HSL Winter Soccer Tournament. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. College Creek Soccer Field, 1 Harpst St., Arcata. Games will be half-field with full-size goals (7v7 with keepers), and two divisions for competitive and recreational teams. Walking Soccer exposition game. Register your team, sign up as a "free agent" or come by to watch. Updated tournament schedule online and at the field. Spectators free, \$40 per player, or \$400 per team. humboldtsoccerleague@gmail.com. humboldtsoccerleague.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1037470.

ETC

Abbey of the Redwoods Flea Market. First Saturday of every month, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Grace Good Shepherd Church, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Local arts, products, goods. Free entry.

The Bike Library. 12-4 p.m. The Bike Library, 1286 L St., Arcata. Hands-on repair lessons and general maintenance, used bicycles and parts for sale. Donations of parts and bicycles gladly accepted. arcatabikelibrary@riseup.net.

Public Skate. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Fortuna Skating Rink, Rohner Park. See Jan. 2 listing.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday Canteen. 3-9 p.m. Redwood Empire VFW Post 1872, 1018 H St., Eureka. Enjoy a cold beverage in the canteen with comrades. Play pool or darts. If you're a veteran, this place is for you. Free. PearceHansen999@outlook.com. (707) 443-5331.

4 Sunday

ART

Art Talk. 2 p.m. Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka. Join the Humboldt Arts Council for Art Talk Sunday with artists Carol Andersen, Laura Corsiglia, Peggy Rivers, and Van Shields. humboldtarts.org.

MOVIES

Rango (2011) 15th Anniversary. 5-8 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show 5 p.m. Movie at 6 p.m. A domesticated chameleon winds up in a lawless Wild West town in need of a sheriff. \$8, \$12 w/poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/838842262192767/. (707) 613-3030.

MUSIC

Sweet Harmony. 4-5:30 p.m. United Methodist Church of the Joyful Healer, 1944 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Women singing four-part harmony a capella. Now welcoming new members with all levels of experience. (707) 845-1959.

FOOD

Food Not Bombs. 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Hot food for everyone. Mostly vegan and organic and always delicious. Free.

Pancake Breakfast. 8 a.m. Van Duzen River Grange, 5250 State Route 36, Carlotta. Includes blueberry or regular. \$10 large meal, \$5 small.

GARDEN

Volunteer Workday. 10 a.m.-noon. Trinidad Museum, 400 Janis Court. Help maintain the native plant garden located behind the museum and library. Serious rain cancels.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

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Zoo Lights. 5-8 p.m. Sequoia Park Zoo, 3414 W St., Eureka. See Jan. 1 listing.

OUTDOORS

Clean the Sidewalk Day. First Sunday of every month, 9-11 a.m. Valley West Park, Hallen Drive, Arcata. Help pick up non-hazardous items left behind. Meet at the park entrance for instructions, supplies and check-in. gmartin@cityofarcata.org. cityofarcata.org.

SPORTS

HSL Winter Soccer Tournament. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. College Creek Soccer Field, 1 Harpst St., Arcata. See Jan. 3 listing.

ETC

Public Skate. 1:30-4:30 p.m. Fortuna Skating Rink, Rohrer Park. See Jan. 2 listing.

5 Monday

ART

Life Drawing Sessions. 6-8 p.m. Redwood Art Association Gallery, 603 F St., Eureka. See Jan. 2 listing.

MUSIC

UFC of Humboldt. First Monday of every month, 6-8 p.m. HLOC's Space, 92 Sunny Brae Center, Arcata. Bring a ukulele and join the fun. Check the calendar online for cancelations or additional events. All levels welcome. \$3 suggested donation. ukulelisarae@gmail.com. ukulelefightclubofhumboldt.com.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Winter Fair Ice Skating Rink. Belotti Hall, 1250 Fifth St., Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Ferndale. See Jan. 1 listing.

ETC

Homesharing Info Session. 9:30-10 a.m. and 1-1:30 p.m. This informational Zoom session will go over the steps and safeguards of Area 1 Agency on Aging's matching process and the different types of homeshare partnerships. Email for the link. Free. homeshare@alaa.org. alaa.org/homesharing. (707) 442-3763.

6 Tuesday

MUSIC

Monthly Sing-along. First Tuesday of every month, 7-9:30 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Sing your favorite folk, pop and rock songs of the '60s and '70s. Songbooks provided. \$3. joel@asis.com. (707) 407-6496.

FOR KIDS

Look Closer and Make Connections. First Tuesday of every month, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Natural History Museum of Cal Poly Humboldt, 1242 G St., Arcata. Explore new exhibits and activities, including marine science, a bear, discovery boxes, microscopes, puzzles, scavenger hunts and more. \$3 youth, \$6 adult, \$15 family, free for members. natmus@humboldt.edu. humboldt.edu/natmus. (707) 826-4480.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Winter Fair Ice Skating Rink. Belotti Hall, 1250 Fifth St., Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Ferndale. See Jan. 1 listing.

MEETINGS

Humboldt Cribbage Club Tournament. 6:15-9 p.m. Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Road, Eureka. Weekly six-game cribbage tournament for experienced players. Inexperienced players may watch, learn and play on the side. Moose dinner available at 5:30 p.m. \$3-\$8. 31for14@gmail.com. (707) 599-4605.

Monthly Meeting VFW Post 1872. First Tuesday of every month, 6-7 p.m. Redwood Empire VFW Post 1872, 1018 H St., Eureka. Calling all combat veterans and all veterans eligible for membership in Veterans of Foreign Wars to meet comrades and learn about events in the renovated Memorial Building. Free. PearceHansen999@outlook.com. (707) 443-5331.

Writers Group. First Tuesday of every month, 12:30-2 p.m. Christ Episcopal Church, 1428 H St., Eureka. Writers share all types of writing and get assistance from one another. Drop-ins welcome. Not faith based. Free.

ETC

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Build English language confidence in ongoing online and in-person classes. All levels and first languages welcome. Join anytime. Pre-registration not required. Free. english-expressempowered.com. (707) 443-5021.

7 Wednesday

BOOKS

Book Signing and Photography Exhibit: Aldaron Laird. 4-5 p.m. Cal Poly Humboldt Campus Store, 697 Eighth St., Arcata. Photographer, author and 2024 Cal Poly Humboldt Distinguished Alumni recipient Laird

signs copies *A Photographic Exploration of Wigi* and discusses documentation of the bay's shoreline. Large-format prints from the book are on display through March. Free. aldaronimages@gmail.com. humboldt.edu/bookstore. (707) 826-3741.

MOVIES

Sci-Fi Night: Jurassic Park (1993). 6-9 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show 6 p.m. Raffle 6:45 p.m. Feature 7 p.m. Dinosaur cloning goes sideways. \$6, \$10 w/poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/1906510103616455/. (707) 613-3030.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Winter Fair Ice Skating Rink. Belotti Hall, 1250 Fifth St., Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Ferndale. See Jan. 1 listing.

MEETINGS

350 Humboldt Monthly General Meeting. First Wednesday of every month, 6-7:30 p.m. Learn about and engage in climate change activism with a community of like-minded people. Zoom link online. Free. 350Humboldt@gmail.com. world.350.org/humboldt/. (707) 677-3359.

Mother's Support Circle. First Wednesday of every month, 10 a.m.-noon. The Ink People Center for the Arts, 627 Third St., Eureka. Mother's Village circle for mothers with a meal and childcare. \$15 to attend, \$10 childcare, sliding scale spots available. (707) 633-3143.

ETC

Grief Support Services in Spanish. First Wednesday of every month, 5-6:30 p.m. Gene Lucas Community Center, 3000 Newburg Ave., Fortuna. A safe and welcoming space for Spanish-speaking individuals to process loss, connect with others, and receive compassionate support. *Este grupo está abierto para todas las personas en la comunidad que habla español, que estén pasando por la pérdida de un ser querido.* glccenter.org.

8 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. See Jan. 1 listing.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Winter Fair Ice Skating Rink. Belotti Hall, 1250 Fifth St., Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Ferndale. See Jan. 1 listing.

SPORTS

Lost Coast Cornhole League Night. Second Thursday of every month, 6-10 p.m. Fortuna Veterans Hall/Memorial Building, 1426 Main St. Monthly league nights are open to all ages and skill levels. Registration opens at 5 p.m. Games at 6 p.m. Different format each week. Bags are available to borrow. Drinks available at the Canteen. Outside food OK. \$15. mike@buffaloboard.com. ●

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A Table for All

David Holper's
Bord för En

By Michele Francesconi

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At the beginning of the pandemic lockdown, a Swedish pop-up restaurant opened in an open field. There, a basket of food was sent to just one person at a time via cable. *Bord för en*, Swedish for “table for one,” closed on Aug. 1, 2020.

In his fourth collection of poems *Bord för En*, David Holper, the City of Eureka's inaugural poet laureate from August 2019-2021, uses the restaurant as an anchoring metaphor for the collection, conveying both our isolation and the need to be part of the larger world. Whether he's describing dolomite stones bedded together or pouring bits of bone and ash upon the waters to release one's father, he reaches deep within to give us rich and harshly beautiful poetry.

The speaker uses that metaphor to explore both the personal and political. In “America is Not a Racist Country*,” while politicians claim America isn't racist, Holper shows us Breonna Taylor dying in her bed, shot by white police officers, and George Floyd being arrested, white knee on his neck for 9 minutes, 29 seconds, supposedly having no connection with the color of his skin. We're told genocide against Native Americans was a fluke and, as the speaker tells us, “no one here in the Land of the Free,/ Home of the Brave would stoop so low as to hate someone/ for the amount of melanin in their skin.” That must be some other country “where no black or brown person has to fear/ for their life every time a cop pulls them over/ for absolutely nothing.” In “April Fools,” the speaker describes the pandemic when those who claimed the freedom to go “Unmasked, unvaccinated,” as they “barged in, as if they were/ packing heat, asked for every freedom/ in the till, robbed/ the rest of us blind,” potentially spreading the virus and killing so many for absolutely nothing. Matching that ignorance is the cry in “Connecting the Dots” that “oil gas,/ coal extraction means nothing” while



Bord för En*

(*Swedish for “Table for One”)

Poems

by
David Holper

David Holper's *Bord för En*, with cover image by John Wesa. Submitted

the planet dies “from all we've failed to connect right under our/ noses.”

Yet “Klamath River Blessing” celebrates the Klamath running wild again, “Hiking to Hyperion” revels in standing at the base of Hyperion and in “Meseta,” in Spain's flat plains of abundance, the speaker's heart awakens “to the whispering spirit.” The speaker in “Superpower” wonders “what it will feel like when the wind lifts you above the past, and love blesses everything from horizon to horizon.” In “North Jetty,” he reaches inside himself and humanity to try to find hope amid despair, “transforming us all in moonlight.” “Ordinary Miracle” tells us of learning from his wife that “love is bigger than all that, bigger than the broken self/ I look at in the mirror, the one I had learned to hate/ because, after all, isn't that the inheritance my parents offered me.” She taught him, he continues, that “love is fluent in every language, knows where it is wanted,/ which is, after all, everywhere.”

Ultimately, in “North Jetty,” Holper asks what good a poem will do. I answer that in *Bord för En*, at least, it opens us to the deep pain and rare moments of joy that it is to be human.

Bord för En is available locally at Booklegger Books, Eureka Books and Eureka Natural Foods in Eureka, Northtown Books and Blake's Books. Holper will sell and sign copies at a book release and reading at the Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Bayside on Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. (cash or Venmo only). ●

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New year, new me. *Bugonia*

On Screens in 2025

By John J. Bennett

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So. That has been the year that was. Anecdotally, I can't say it's been a good one for anybody who isn't a despot. Despite having such a futuristic-sounding enumerator, it has been a time of regression, retrenchment and (justifiable) fatalism. Even the movie nerds, those definitive solipsists, have found occasion to gnash their teeth and rend their garments, either because they didn't have enough motivation to go to the theater or because one corporate absorption of another might result in fewer opportunities to complain.

2025 didn't produce a Barbenheimer (anomalous as that was) or a unified cinematic movement to lead anybody to a brighter/darker/just different age. It's been a year of metaphoric sheltering in place, of waiting for the impending cataclysm — bang, whimper, whatever. But, speaking only for myself, the end times haven't really dulled the appetite for entertainment.

In the post-COVID redrawing of the boundaries in the ongoing conflict between streaming and theatrical, we've had less access to some of the more esoteric offerings than we did in the halcyon plague years. As a corollary, the Hollywood old guard seems to have precious little idea how to adapt to the landscape they have done so much to create. Despite this awkward adolescence, this between-time of access, people are still out there making stuff; some of it even manages to get through.

In considering the year in screens, I find myself looking back fondly on the moments given to me. Pedigree and pretense seem to mean even less to me now than

ever. I'm hanging on to the lingering sense memories, the echoes of the visceral charge that movies (and what we used to call television) can deliver.

To get it out of the way early, I'll admit I'm a Taylor Sheridan junkie. His work has needlessly become a sort of political football, at least in some quarters, but I admire the wherewithal and ambition of a writer — a WRITER — who has used imagination and words to build an empire. I've been paying attention since his (maybe not perfect) performance on *Sons of Anarchy*, to the devastating revelation of *Wind River* (2017) to, now, waiting each week for new episodes of *Landman* and *Mayor of Kingstown*; I'm basic. That done, we can move on to a barely elevated list of the movies that meant something to me in 2025.

Presence has become something of a critical punching bag, which seems misdirected and pointless. It's a humble little exercise in genre and perspective, from not only one of the great working directors (Steven Soderbergh), but also one of the few living name-brand screenwriters (David Koepp). It dares to be a modern ghost story that still feels tied to its lineage and incorporates an actual sense of risk.

The Monkey and Keeper, almost as embattled as *Presence*, still stand as a testament of Osgood Perkins' seizing of a moment. More importantly, they both contain images and mood that linger in the memory and are charged with a joyfully sick melange of humor and dread that feels appropriate for our moment.

Freaky Tales dropped off the radar just about as soon as it blipped but is prominent among my memories of feeling

transported by movies in 2025. Decidedly not for all audiences — the high-minded probably foremost among them — it's a paean to a place and time that, for its flaws, is indelible and unlike anything else.

Warfare wasn't plot-driven (read: artificial) enough for some, too truthful for others and broadly misread as something it certainly is not. I found it evocative and honest in its brutality, possibly the truest American war story we've seen on screen since 2008's *Generation Kill*.

Friendship. You're either with Tim Robinson or against. This is for us.

Mountainhead, a queasy satiric parable very much about the present day, doesn't yield as satisfying a conclusion as most probably want, but that seems appropriate, given its themes and tone. I still find myself laughing darkly at the cast chanting "Khashoggi, Khashoggi!" on their way to attempt to murder one of their friends, a fellow billionaire.

FI: The Movie remains one of the few Big Movies of the year to have penetrated, and even its impact seems a little ephemeral. But for fans of old-fashioned Hollywood mythmaking, this was sugar on the tongue.

Train Dreams. Another throwback, or at least an artwork removed from its time, this lingers in the memory with exquisite, elegiac quietude. Mishandled, it would seem pretentious; it does not.

Perhaps due to the (not unjustified) vilification of Netflix, it seems like Kathryn Bigelow's **A House of Dynamite**, a disconcerting alternate-present nuclear catastrophe picture has been relegated to some dim-lit corner, but I continue to consider it.

Roofman and **The Smashing Machine**, because they are both artful examples of fictionalized biography and were unfairly pilloried as box-office failures, will share a mention here. Also because each centers on an against-type performance from two of our previous (my current) favorite stars.

One of One is a niche documentary that succeeds more because of its subject than its execution. I think this could prove satisfying both to car people and admirers of craft, diligence and dedication.

Bugonia shows Yorgos Lanthimos doing prescient satire as only he can. Chilling, hilarious and absolutely unbounded.

One Battle After Another. C'mon. It's on everybody's list.

Splitsville, to me, was the most pleasant surprise of the year. A biting relationship comedy with a drum-tight script,

gorgeous photography and some of the best fight choreography in contemporary American cinema. ●

John J. Bennett (he/him) is a movie nerd who loves a good car chase.

Now Playing

ANACONDA. Buddies (Paul Rudd, Jack Black) on a DIY movie remake mission are pursued by the title character. PG13. 100M. BROADWAY.

AVATAR: FIRE AND ASH. Na'vi-on-Na'vi violence in the latest installment of James Cameron's sci-fi action franchise. PG13. 195M. BROADWAY (3D), MINOR.

DAVID. Animated Old Testament tale about a shepherd who beans a giant with a rock. PG. 115M. BROADWAY.

ELLA MCCAY. Comedy-drama about a newly elected governor (Emma Mackey) with a complicated family. PG13. 115M. BROADWAY.

FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S 2. Sequel to the Chuck E. Cheese-esque animatronic horror. PG13. 104M. BROADWAY.

KIDZ BOP LIVE: THE CONCERT MOVIE. Heads up: They do not let you drink in the lobby. 81M. BROADWAY.

THE HOUSEMAID. Amanda Seyfried and Sydney Sweeney in a thriller about weird dynamics with the help. R. 131M. BROADWAY.

LABYRINTH (1986). Celebrate the 40th anniversary of Bowie snatching babies and revisit the youth and wild potential time has stolen from you. PG. 106M. BROADWAY.

MARTY SUPREME. Timothée Chalamet plays a ping pong champ in the 1950s, when that kind of thing apparently got you laid. R. 150M. BROADWAY, MINOR.

SONG SUNG BLUE. Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson play singers who find love in a Neil Diamond cover band. PG13. 133M. BROADWAY.

THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE: SEARCH FOR SQUAREPANTS. Your favorite boxy hero takes on the Flying Dutchman's ghost. PG. 96M. BROADWAY (3D).

WICKED: FOR GOOD. Elphaba and Glinda reunite from opposite sides of the yellow brick tracks to save Oz in the sequel. PG. 137M. BROADWAY, MINOR.

ZOOTOPIA 2. Ginnifer Goodwin and Jason Bateman return to voice the rabbit and fox crimefighting duo in the animated comedy adventure. PG. 108M. BROADWAY, MINOR.

For showtimes, visit [cattheaters.com](https://www.cattheaters.com) and [minortheatre.com](https://www.minortheatre.com).

CROSSWORD By Matt Jones

THE BEST OF 2025

ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

- ACROSS
- 1. Doll central to a popular (and weird) trend of 2025
 - 7. Refuel need
 - 10. "Isn't ___ Lovely?" (Stevie Wonder hit)
 - 13. College William Faulkner dropped out of
 - 15. Takoyaki ingredient
 - 17. IGN's Best Horror Movie of 2025, directed by Zach Cregger
 - 18. Medical drama on multiple Best TV of 2025 lists
 - 19. No. on some business cards
 - 20. "In Spanish, el ___ in a sombrero" (lyrics from "The Cat in the Hat" animated special)
 - 22. 30-second spot
 - 23. Abrasive tool
 - 25. Author Grafton
 - 27. Throw up?
 - 30. Director Mendes
 - 33. Explosive in a stick
 - 35. "That's right"
 - 36. "___": Expedition 33" (Game of the Year at 2025's The Game Awards)
 - 41. Lb. and oz., e.g.
 - 42. Letters of debt
 - 43. Class of antibodies, in immunology
 - 44. Slippery swimmer
 - 45. Bolt's counterpart
 - 46. Lady Gaga hit that topped Rolling Stone's Best Songs of 2025 list
 - 48. Celine who closed the 2024 Olympic Opening Ceremony
 - 50. "Woohoo!"
 - 51. Pull a scam on
 - 52. Abominable creatures
 - 54. No. on business cards
 - 56. Wordless "Oh my!"
 - 60. Poetic preposition
 - 62. Capitol topper
 - 65. "___ be back!"
 - 66. Ryan Coogler film on The Hollywood Reporter's list of Best Movies of 2025
 - 69. Performer of "Berghain," the #1 best song of 2025 in the Pitchfork Readers' Poll
 - 71. Day planner span
 - 72. Epitome of attention to detail, metaphorically
 - 73. Lump of cash
 - 74. "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" author's monogram
 - 75. 2025 hit song featured in "K-Pop Demon Hunters"
- DOWN
- 1. Bring down
 - 2. Amazon assistant
 - 3. Pulsations
 - 4. Arbitrator on a field
 - 5. Bookstore sect.
 - 6. Annapolis initials
 - 7. Understood
 - 8. Vier twice?
 - 9. One of the Martins on "Only Murders in the Building"
 - 10. Natural weave?
 - 11. Makeshift dwelling
 - 12. "C___ la vie!"
 - 14. Air France fliers, once
 - 16. Eye-popping designs
 - 21. Remained longer than
 - 24. Letter after chi
 - 26. Multivolume ref. work
 - 28. Even more adorable
 - 29. Inventor Nikola
 - 31. Caruso solo
 - 32. Ted ___, protagonist of "How I Met Your Mother"
 - 34. First name in 1990s rap
 - 36. Photographer Sherman
 - 37. A nephew of Donald Duck
 - 38. Artificially sweetened?
 - 39. 2006 Sacha Baron Cohen role
 - 40. Go over
 - 47. "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" director Lee
 - 49. Silly billy
 - 53. Take the wheel
 - 55. Figure "a-leaping"
 - 57. Caught a bug
 - 58. Sorry! action
 - 59. Like froyo without the toppings
 - 61. Like cough medicines
 - 63. Early keyboard synthesizer
 - 64. "___ Perpetua" (Idaho state motto)
 - 66. Sty ma
 - 67. TV chef Garten
 - 68. Potential grads, for short
 - 70. N.L. East team

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS THE OTHER WAY

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LEGAL NOTICES

CITY OF FORTUNA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE FORTUNA PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fortuna Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 621 11th Street, Fortuna, California. The Planning Commission will consider a recommendation to the Fortuna City Council to adopt amendments to the Zoning Regulations (Title 17 of the Fortuna Municipal Code). The purpose of these amendments is to ensure compliance with current State law for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and junior accessory dwelling units. The Planning Commission will consider a resolution recommending that the City Council adopt an ordinance for text amendments to Title 17 (Zoning Regulations) of the Fortuna Municipal Code. The proposed text amendments would apply citywide in the City of Fortuna.

Chapter 17.06, Regulations that Apply to Specific Uses, repeals section 17.06.001.5 (Accessory Dwelling Units) in its entirety, and adopts a revised 17.06.001.5 (Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units) that is consistent with State law.

Chapter 17.06, Regulations that Apply to Specific Uses, amendments to the definition of Dwelling Unit in section 17.06.184.5 (Short-term rentals).

Chapter 17.08 Definitions and Illustrations, amendments to the definition of Dwelling, second residential in section 17.08.222.

STATUTORY REFERENCES FOR CALIFORNIA CITIES, correct the Government Code citation for ADU law. The proposed amendments are available on the City of Fortuna's website at https://www.friendlyfortuna.com/your_government/public_notices.

php?outer=4, and a printed copy is available for review at the Community Development Department, located in City Hall, during regular business hours.

Environmental Information: The proposed zoning ordinance text amendments are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21080.17, CEQA does not apply to ordinances implementing Government Code § 65852.1, or Article 2 (commencing with Section 66314) or Article 3 (commencing with Section 66333) of Chapter 13 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code, which governs ADUs and JADUs. The ordinance is also categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15303 (Class 3), which covers the construction or conversion of small accessory structures, such as ADUs and JADUs. The public and all interested persons are invited to appear at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony regarding this matter. You may send written comments to smercedcasanova@ci.fortuna.ca.us by 12:00 pm the day of the hearing. Comments will be forwarded to the Commissioners for their consideration. For further information, call the Community Development Department at (707) 725-1408. The staff report and draft resolutions will be available no later than 72 hours before the meeting on the City's website at www.friendlyfortuna.com under "Your Government" "Boards, Commissions & Committees" "Planning Commission" January 13, 2026 Regular Meeting.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please get in touch with the Building Department at (707) 725-7600. Notification at least 48 hours before the meeting will enable the City to make

reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting (28 CFR 35.102 - 35.104 ADA Title II).

Thank you,
Amy Nilsen, City Manager

1/1 (26-001)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Christopher Champion Nixon
CASE NO. CV2502581
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH ST.
EUREKA, CA. 95501
PETITION OF: Christopher Champion Nixon
for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
Christopher Champion Nixon
to Proposed Name
Samuel Worthington

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: January 23, 2026
Time: 8:30 am, Dept. 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH STREET

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

Walter Raymond Branscom
CASE NO. PR2500330
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both,
Walter Raymond Branscom
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner, Mark R Branscom in the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that Mark R Branscom be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 22, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: 4

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IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the

EUREKA, CA 95501

Date: December 3, 2025

Filed: December 5, 2025

/s/ Timothy A. Canning

Judge of the Superior Court

1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22 (26-003)

petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER:

Judd M. Patton

Hjerpe Law, Inc

350 E Street, 1st Floor

Eureka, CA 95501

(707) 442-7262

Filed December 23, 2025

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

1/1, 1/8, 1/15 (26-004)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

Dillon Nadine Lewis

CASE NO. PR2500331

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both,
Dillon Nadine Lewis
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner, Brent A. Lewis in the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that Brent A. Lewis be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the

later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER:

Julia L. Hjerpe

Hjerpe Law, Inc

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(707) 442-7262

Filed December 23, 2025

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

1/1, 1/8, 1/15 (26-005)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

Ileen Garcia

CASE NO. PR2500328

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both,
Ileen Garcia
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner, Humboldt County Public Administrator

In the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that Humboldt County Public Administrator be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 29, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: 4

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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER:

Natalie Duke, Office of County Counsel
825 Fifth Street, Suite 110
Eureka, CA 95501

(707) 445-7236

Filed December 22, 2025

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

1/1, 1/8, 1/15 (26-006)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

Steven Garcia, AKA Steven Henry Garcia, AKA Steven Henry Garcia Jr.

CASE NO. PR2500327

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both,
Steven Garcia, AKA Steven Henry Garcia Jr.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner, Humboldt County Public Administrator

In the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that Humboldt County Public Administrator be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER:

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825 Fifth Street, Suite 110
Eureka, CA 95501

(707) 445-7236

Filed December 22, 2025

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

1/1, 1/8, 1/15 (26-007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00609

The following person is doing Business as

DHH Drafting

Humboldt

19631 Margaret Ln

Arcata, CA 95521

PO Box 134

Bayside, CA 95524

Daniel H Hertel

1931 Margaret Ln

Arcata, CA 95521

Kelsey D Hale

1931 Margaret Ln

Arcata, CA 95521

The business is conducted by a married couple.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on n/a.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s/ Daniel Hertel, Owner /Co-partner
This November 18, 2025

by SG, Deputy Clerk

12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 1/1 (25-490)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00635

The following person is doing Business as

CNC Construction

Humboldt

1901 Harrison Ave

Eureka, CA 95501

Alfredo Cadena

1901 Harrison Ave

Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by an individual.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on n/a.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s/ Alfredo Cadena, Owner

This December 8, 2025

by JR, Deputy Clerk

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12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 1/1 (25-492)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00611**

The following person is doing Business as

Dry Farmed Medicinals
Humboldt

125 Shivley Flat Rd
Shively, CA 95565

Organic Medicinals, Inc
CA 3859795

125 Shivley Flat Rd
Shively, CA 95565

The business is conducted by a corporation.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 1/4/2016.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s/ Jill Vander Linden, CEO
This November 20, 2025

by TH, Deputy Clerk

12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 1/1 (25-493)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00612**

The following person is doing Business as

Alluvium

Humboldt

125 Shivley Flat Rd
Shively, CA 95565

Dry Farmed Organic Medicinals, LLC

CA 201934710086

125 Shivley Flat Rd
Shively, CA 95565

The business is conducted by a limited liability company.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 12/4/2019.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s/ Jill Vander Linden, CEO/President
This November 20, 2025

by TH, Deputy Clerk

12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 1/1 (25-494)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00627**

The following person is doing Business as

Soper Family Psychiatry Medical Group

Humboldt

1836 Central Avenue Suite A
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Soper Family Psychiatry Medical Group

CA 3791902

1836 Central Avenue Suite A
McKinleyville, CA 95519

The business is conducted by a corporation.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 11/24/2025.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor

punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s/ Robert E. Soper, MD, Chief Executive Officer

This December 3, 2025

by JC, Deputy Clerk

12/18, 12/25, 1/1, 1/8 (25-499)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00662**

The following person is doing Business as

Dirtbag Travel Adventures

Humboldt

2526 7th St

Eureka, CA 95501

Joshua H Jackson
2526 7th St

Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by an individual.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on n/a.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s/ Joshua Jackson, Owner
This December 22, 2025

by JR, Deputy Clerk

1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22 (26-008)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00661**

The following person is doing Business as

Electro Espresso Etc

Humboldt

4191A Central Avenue
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Daniel P Kalmanson
4191A Central Avenue

McKinleyville, CA 95519

The business is conducted by an individual.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 10/1/25.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s/ Daniel Kalmanson, Owner
This December 19, 2025

by JC, Deputy Clerk

1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22 (26-009)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00652**

The following person is doing Business as

Humboldt County Children's Author Festival

Humboldt

1313 3rd Street

Eureka, CA 95501

PO Box 6089 Eureka, CA 95502

Friends of the Redwood Libraries
CA 0502609

1313 3rd Street

Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by a corporation.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on n/a.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor

punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s/ Linda Lorvis, Managing Member
This December 17, 2025

by SC, Deputy Clerk

1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22 (26-010)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Elizabeth Bernice McEntire

CASE NO. CV2502590

SUPERIOR COURT

OF CALIFORNIA,

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

825 FIFTH ST.

EUREKA, CA. 95501

PETITION OF: Elizabeth Bernice McEntire

for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name

Elizabeth Bernice McEntire

to Proposed Name

Ellie Fae McEntire

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: January 23, 2026
Time: 8:30 am, Dept. 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>

SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

825 FIFTH STREET

EUREKA, CA 95501

Date: December 5, 2025

Filed: December 5, 2025

/s/ Timothy A. Canning

Judge of the Superior Court

12/18, 12/25, 1/1, 1/8 (25-496)

**PUBLISHED NOTICE OF
SEIZURE AND NON-JUDICIAL
FORFEITURE**

On November 13th, 2025, the Humboldt County Drug Task Force seized property for forfeiture from Blue Lake Blvd in Blue Lake, California in connection with controlled substance violations, to wit, Section 11378 of the Health and Safety Code of California. The seized property is described as: \$141,885.47 in U.S. Currency. Control Number 25-F-19 has been assigned to this case. Use this number to identify the property in any correspondence with the Office of the Humboldt County District Attorney.

If your claim is not timely filed, the Humboldt County District Attorney will declare the property described in this notice to be forfeited to the State and it will be disposed of as provided in Health and Safety Code Section 11489.

12/25, 1/1, 1/8 (25-503)

**PUBLISHED NOTICE OF
SEIZURE AND NON-JUDICIAL
FORFEITURE**

On November 12th, 2025, Agents from the Humboldt County Drug Task Force seized property for forfeiture in connection with controlled substance violations, to wit, Section 11378 of the Health and Safety Code of California from 1552 Spear Avenue, 4936 Monterey Drive, Space #13, and 2010 Mad River Road, Arcata, California. The seized property is described as: \$11,862.00 in US currency and Control Number 25-F-18 has been assigned to this case. Use this number to identify the property in any correspondence with the Office of the Humboldt County District Attorney.

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12/25, 1/1, 1/8 (25-506)

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12/25, 1/1, 1/8 (25-504)

**PUBLISHED NOTICE OF
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FORFEITURE**

On May 14th, 2025, Agents from the Humboldt County Drug Task Force seized property for forfeiture in connection with controlled substance violations, to wit, Section 11351 of the Health and Safety Code of California from Bear Paws Way, Loleta, California. The seized property is described as: \$3,605.00 in US currency and Control Number 25-F-15 has been assigned to this case. Use this number to identify the property in any correspondence with the Office of the Humboldt County District Attorney.

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12/25, 1/1, 1/8 (25-505)

**PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SEIZURE
AND JUDICIAL FORFEITURE**

On July 15th, 2025, the Humboldt County Drug Task Force seized property for forfeiture from Highway 101 @ Main Street in Fortuna, California, and 1466 Janes Rd. in Arcata, California in connection with controlled substance violations, to wit, Section 11351 of the Health and Safety Code of California. The seized property is described as: \$138,833.00 in U.S. Currency. Control Number 25-F-13 has been assigned to this case. Use this number to identify the property in any correspondence with the Office of the Humboldt County District Attorney.

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**CITY OF FORTUNA
REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS**

On-Call Consulting Services for the CITY OF FORTUNA

December 16, 2025

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
FOR ON-CALL CONSULTING SERVICES**

QUALIFICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN

4:00 P.M., January 19, 2026

Approved for release by

December 16, 2025

Brian Issa, Public Work Director Date City of Fortuna

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12/25, 1/1 (25-501)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR
FORTUNA PLANNING COMMISSION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Fortuna Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on January 13th, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, 621 11th Street in Fortuna, California

To consider approval of a Lot Line Adjustment between Assessor Parcel Number 200-071-030 (Parcel 1) and Assessor Parcel Number 200-071-017 (Parcel 2), two neighboring parcels on Angle Heights Drive. Parcel 1 is currently 1.72 acres and is proposed to be reduced to 1.69 acres, while Parcel 2 is currently 0.88 acres and is proposed to be increased to 0.91 acres. A proposed variance request will also be considered in conjunction with the above Lot line Adjustment for Parcel 2, to allow a rear property line setback reduction from 25 to 5 feet. The proposed setback reduction will also accommodate the

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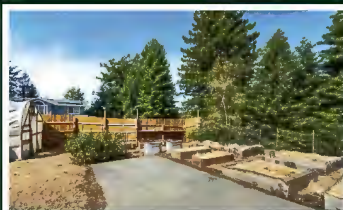
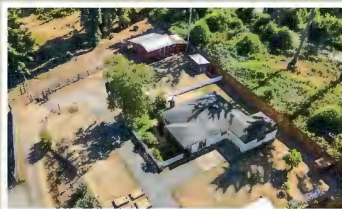
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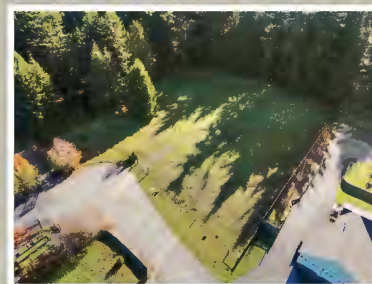
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